

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <small>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</small>		Attorney Docket No.	247640US3CONT	
		First Inventor or Application Identifier	Jun Hirose	
		Title	VACUUM PROCESSING APPARATUS	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS
See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g. PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☒ Specification Total Sheets

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) Total Sheets

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a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)

b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with box 17 completed)

i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in
the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2) and
1.33(b).

5. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer
Program (*Appendix*)

6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b. Specification or Sequence Listing on :

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ii. ☐ Paper

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☒ Assignment Recorded at Reel/Frame: 012486/0784

8. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

9. ☐ 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney

10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☒ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 (2) Citations

12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ White Advance Serial No. Postcard

14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

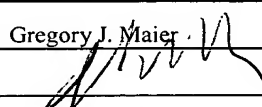
15. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

16. ☒ Other: Request for Priority

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below:
☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application no.: 09/926,676
Prior application information: Examiner: Rudy Zervigon Group Art Unit: 1763
For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is
considered a part of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon
when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- ☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/926,676, filed November 30, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed
- ☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	11-155039	June 2, 1999

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- ☒ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/JP00/03597
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged.
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